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1. ACCORDING DAILY GLEANER AUG 5, INTERNATIONAL
BUAXITE ASSOCIATION (IBA) WILL CONVENE ITS SIXTH
BOARD MEETING IN KINGSTON SEPT 6-9. SPETEMBER
MEETING WILL BE SECOND BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD THIS
YEAR. IN IBA PRESS RELEASE, SECRETARY GENERAL HENRI
GUDA SAID "ALL THOSE WHO HAD MISGIVINGS ABOUT OUR
INTENTIONS ARE REALIZING THAT WE ARE A PRAGMATIC AND
RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION SERVING ONLY THE BEST INTEREST
OF OUR MEMBERS AND THIS HAS BROUGHT THE ASSOCIATION A
LOT OF RESPECT INTERNATIONALLY". THE IBA IN ITS FIRST
YEAR OF OPERATION AHD DETERMINED A BASE GRADE OF
BAUXITE ORE AND MADE RECOMMENDATIONS TO ITS 11-
MEMBER GOVERNMENTS ON SHORT-TERM PRICING POLICY.
ACCORDING TO GUDA, "THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LONG-
TERM PRICING POLICY REQUIRES A CONSIDERABLE STUDY
AND CANNOT BE ACHIEVED OVERNIGHT. . .GIVEN THE
ROOM FOR GROWTH IN PER CAPITA ALUMINIUM CONSUMPTION
IN MAJOR INDUSTRIAL AND OTHER COUNTRIES, THE
INDUSTRY WILL REQUIRE CONSIDERABLE EXPANSION IN
THE FUTURE WHICH WILL MAKE THE IBA AN EVEN GREATER
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FORCE THAN IT IS NOW".

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2. COMMENT: TO DATE, IBA HAS MAINLY CONCENTRATED ON ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS. GUDA IS PRAGMATIC SECRETARY GENERAL WHO HAS REPEATEDLY STATED CHIEF AIM OF ORGANIZATION IS TO EDUCATE MEMBERS ON BAUXITE/ALUMINA INDUSTRY. IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT "EDUCATED" COUNTRIES WILL HAVE MORE SKILLFUL NEGOTIATORS THAN MIGHT OTHERWISE BE EXPECTED. DORRANCE

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